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## India

### Agricultural Situation

### Monsoon Progress Report No. 7

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**Report Highlights:**

Monsoon this year has adequately covered most parts of the country leading to better prospects for agricultural growth.

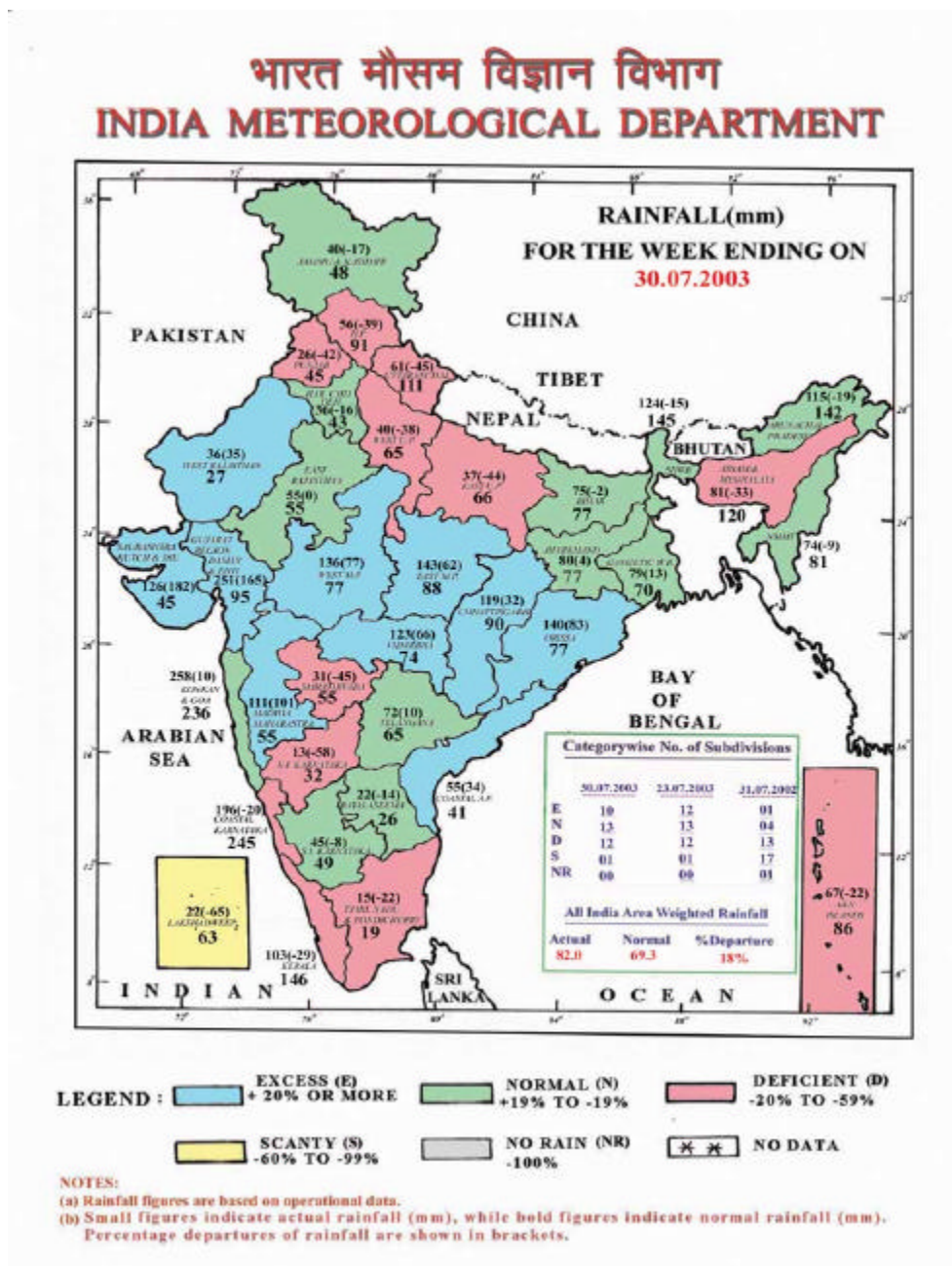
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Monsoon development during the week ending July 30 remained similar to last week, with more than 20 subdivisions receiving normal or more precipitation (Map 1). Cumulative rainfall from June 1 to July 30 was normal or above normal in 32 of the 36 weather subdivisions (Map 2).

Current progress in the monsoon has "facilitated normal to good sowing of major kharif (summer) crops," National Forecasting Center of the Agriculture Ministry stated in its report. The monsoon has also brought relief to nine drought-affected states, especially Rajasthan and Gujarat where large regions had been facing water crises due to failure of rains for several consecutive years. Adversely, India's busiest port on the western coast in Kandla suspended operations late on July 27, after the region was hit by fresh torrential monsoon rains. Official sources mentioned that about 1,000 tons of exportable wheat had been damaged due to the downpour.

Map 1.



Map 2.

